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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and within three (3) months of the mailing date of the foreign Office Action.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A partial English translation of the Japanese Office Action of February 15, 2006, follows:

Note (for the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature)

- Claims 1-14
- Cited literature 1-4
- Remarks

Cited Literature 1 (especially Claim 4 and paragraph 0051) describes a voice data transmission and reception scheme whereby voice data is split into clause units, packetized, and transmitted.

Cited Literature 2 (especially Claim 1 and paragraph 0008) describes combining and transmitting a plurality of voice data in single packet.

Cited Literature 3 (especially Claims 6 through 8 and paragraphs 0006 and 0024) describes filtering voice data and forwarding it via FTP, as well as selecting the optimal communication scheme from among a plurality of communication schemes according to the communication conditions.

Cited Literature 4 (especially Claim 1) describes transmitting voice data with identification information appended thereto in order to distinguish it from other data.

Furthermore, what sort of recognition means should be used for recognizing clauses of the voice data described in Cited Literature 1 does not go beyond a matter which can be selected as appropriate by a person skilled in the art (see for example Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H9-120295, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H7-272447, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H3-38699 and Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-97280).

If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a Notification of Reasons for Rejection will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-285275
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-24703
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-142488
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-234279

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

- Fields searched IPC H04L 12/00
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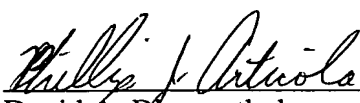
English abstracts for each foreign-language document are provided. Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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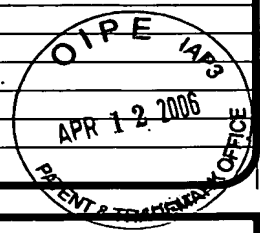
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